

## PRELIMINARY LOSS REPORT 05161

### POV CRASH CLAIMS 1 SOLDIER'S LIFE -- ACCIDENT

A Minnesota Army National Guard Soldier was killed in a POV accident on 18 September 2005 at 0730 local near Little Falls, MN. The 22 year-old SGT was operating a 1992 Ford passenger car enroute to report for duty. The NCO was distracted, the vehicle left the road, and he overcorrected causing the vehicle to slide into the median. The vehicle then began to roll and came to rest on the opposite side of the highway. Neither the SGT nor the passenger (SPC) were wearing seatbelts and both were ejected from the vehicle. The NCO was evacuated to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead. The SPC was treated and released.

Including this accident, there were **341** Class A-C Army **POV** accidents from the start of FY05 to 18 September 2005, resulting in **134** Soldier deaths.

Don't let this happen in your formation. Consider these actions to help prevent similar POV accidents:

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- Ensure drivers understand that diverting attention while driving can be deadly.
- Ensure Soldiers know that they are required to wear seatbelts at all times, on or off a DoD installation ([DODI 6055.4 - Traffic Safety Program](#), page 17, para E3.12.1.1) and that they understand the risks and potential consequences associated with not wearing seatbelts.

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